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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BENC, CO

SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: MOUNTAIN RAILWAY

1. OCTOBER 31, ISSUE "INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION WEEK"  
STATES: "COLOMBIA STUDIES 94-MILE MOUNTAIN RAILWAY  
BETWEEN BOGOTA AND ARMENIA, WESTERN COLOMBIA.  
PREFEASIBILITY STUDIES ARE UNDERWAY BY THE STATE-  
OWNED NATIONAL RAILROADS CO., BOGOTA. THE 53 MILLION  
DOLLARS RAIL LINE WILL HAVE TO CROSS THE CENTRAL  
RANGE OF THE TRIPLE-SPINED ANDES MOUNTAINS, AND BYPASS  
MACHIN VOLCANO. CONSTRUCTION IS TO INCLUDE A 9 MILE  
LONG TUNNEL BENEATH THE ANDES. ESTIMATED TIME FOR  
  
CONSTRUCTION, WITH A 2,000-MAN WORK FORCE, IS FOUR YEARS."

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION EMBASSY  
CAN DEVELOP ON THIS PROJECT WHICH MAY BE OF CONSIDERABLE  
INTEREST TO U.S. ENGINEERS, CONTRACTORS, AND MANUFACTURERS.  
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